

REMARKS

Summary

The only objection remaining in the case is overcome by the amendment to Claim 39. Therefore, the application is now in allowable form.

Status of the Claims

Claims 35, 37, and 39-41 are pending. Claims 36 and 38 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 39 has been amended to overcome a formal objection and to improve its form.

Requested Action

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objection in view of foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Objection

The Examiner objects to Claims 39/35, 39/36, 40/39/35, 40/39/36, 41/39/35, and 41/39/36 because Claims 35 and 36 do not provide an antecedent basis for the first and second opening and closing portions recited in Claim 39.

In response, while not conceding the propriety of the objection, Claim 39 has been amended so that it no longer depends from Claim 35 or Claim 36, thereby obviating the objection.

Additional Claim Amendments

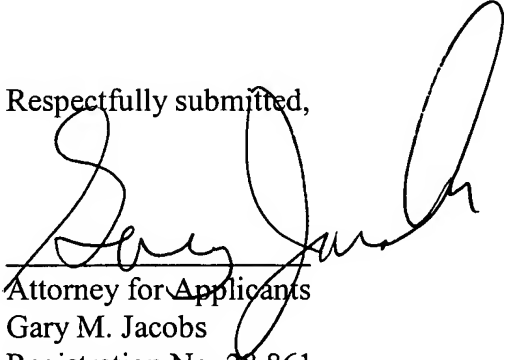
Applicant has canceled Claims 36 and 38 without prejudice and amended Claim 39 so that it no longer depends from these canceled claims.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the claims are now in allowable form. Therefore, early passage to issue is respectfully solicited.

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